

# Bible Study Series: How to Detect False Teachers

## “The Marks of False Teachers”- Part 1

### 2 Peter 2

#### Introduction:

1. False teachers are just as prevalent today as they were in Peter's day. In fact, Paul told us they would become increasingly \_\_\_\_\_. 2 Timothy 3:13
2. False teachers will appear as ministers of Christ (2 Corinthians 11:13-15), so how does the Christian identify a false teacher? What are the characteristics of a false teacher? 2 Peter 2 answers these questions.

#### I. First mark of false teachers: They reject the sufficiency of Christ's

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A. “...even denying the Lord that bought them...” This refers to Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ on the cross.

- Christ gave Himself as a ransom for \_\_\_\_\_. 1 Timothy 2:6
- He paid sin's price for the entire \_\_\_\_\_. 1 John 2:2
- He made it possible for everyone to be \_\_\_\_\_ and redeemed back to God. 2 Corinthians 5:19, Colossians 1:20

B. A false teacher rejects the sufficiency of Christ's work, thereby denying the Lord who paid for their sins on the cross.

- They refuse to appropriate God's gift of righteousness by \_\_\_\_\_. Romans 10:3-4, cf. Romans 5:17

C. The false teacher not only rejects the gospel of Christ, but teaches \_\_\_\_\_ to deny it also.

- Not that they completely reject Christ, but they deny the sufficiency of Christ's work by mingling faith and human \_\_\_\_\_.
- This is a denial of Christ's sufficiency and a trampling of God's \_\_\_\_\_. Romans 4:3-4, 13-16, 9:30-32, 5:1-2, Galatians 2:21

D. There are a multitude of man-made religious systems, but they all share one common denominator – they teach faith \_\_\_\_\_ in the finished work of Christ is not sufficient to \_\_\_\_\_.